All accidents are investigated by Courts of Inquiry at an appropriate level. The recommendations of these Courts of Inquiry are implemented to prevent the recurrence of the accidents.

Details of value and tonnage of the ammunition destroyed in the accidents at Ordnance depots with effect from year 2000 till date are as under:—

Sl. No.	Depots	Date of Accidents	Value of Ammunition destroyed	Tonnage of Ammunition destroyed
(i)	Ammunition Depot, Bharatpur	28.4.2000	387 Crores	12969 MT
(ii)	18 Field Ammunition Depot, C/o 56 APO	29.4.2001	27 Crores	385.64 MT
(iii)	Field Ammunition Depot, C/o 56 APO	24.5.2001	375 Crores	8006 MT
(iv)	Ammunition Depot, Dappar	27.7.2002	Nil	Nil
(v)	Field Ammunition Depot, Jodhpur	2.8.2002	Nil	Nil
(vi)	Central Ammunition Depot, Phulgaon	22.3.2005	22 Crores	126.614 MT
(vii)	21 Field Ammunition Depot, C/o 56 APO	11.8.2007	Value would be ascertained after completion of Court of Inquiry	Tonnage would be ascertained after completion of Court of Inquiry.

Expenditure on Defence

1680. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in 2006, nations around the world spent $ 1,204 billion on military expenditure or $ 184 per capita and SIPRI's Year Book recorded increase of 3.5 per cent in real terms in 2005 and 37 per cent during 10 years period of 1997-2006;

(b) who are five top military spenders in the world, country-wise;

(c) what is India's expenditure on defence per capita in comparison to neighbouring countries; and

(d) whether Government proposes to hike pay and allowances of its military personnel under three services who have submitted representations to them in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, sir as per report.

(b) As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, five countries with the highest military expenditure in 2006 in market exchange rate terms were USA, UK, France, China and Japan. In purchasing power parity terms, the top five spenders were USA, China, India, Russia and UK.

(c) As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, defence spending per capita of India in 2006 was $ 21 as against estimated per capita expenditure of $ 37 in respect of China.

(d) The matter is presently within the purview of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

Non-payment of compensation to farmers near Indo-Pak border

1681. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compensation to the farmers has yet not been paid whose land has been used for defence purposes to built bunkers in different villages particularly in Tehsil R.S. Pura District of Jammu and Kashmir near Indo-Pak border; and

(b) if so, the details of villages?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Rental payment is yet to be made for an area of 1 Kanal and 12 Marlas of land in villages Tohana Tibba and Fateh Chak, Tehsil R.S. Pura, District Jammu used for defence purposes. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has been requested to issue requisition order for this land and payment of rental compensation for the same will be released after issue of requisition order by Deputy Commissioner, Jammu and completion of formal handing/taking over of land.

Exodus of pilots, engineers and staff from Air Force

1682. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff are leaving the Air Force;

(b) the number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff who have resigned from Air Force during the last five years; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check their exodus?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There is no large scale departure of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff from the Air Force.